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REMARKS

Spelling and syntax corrections have been made to the specification. Claims 1 and 2 have been amended. Claims 7 and 8 have been added. Claims 1-8 remain pending. Reconsideration and reexamination of the application, as amended, are requested.

The Examiner objected to the disclosure because of certain informalities. The informalities have been corrected.

The Examiner rejected claims 1-6 under 35 USC §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. The Examiner indicated that the term "gazette member" was indefinite because the specification did not clearly define the term. Applicant has amended the specification at page 2, line 22 and page 9, line 18 to read "gazette or strengthening member". Basis for the amendment is found on page 3, lines 6-7 and elsewhere in the specification. The claims have been amended to replace "gazette member" with --strengthening member--. It is submitted that the rejection is no longer applicable.

The Examiner rejected claim 1 under 35 USC §102(e) as being anticipated by Eberle et al. The container 7 of Eberle is embedded in the body structure 2 comprising several supports T1, T2 and T3 (see column 2, lines 43 and 46). On the contrary, the structure of claim 1 requires a connecting part between the roof member and the side member and further requires a strengthening member (formerly gazette member) located below the connecting part and bridging across the connecting part. The strengthening member of claim 1 is not embedded in the body structure of the roof member and side member.

The purpose of the invention of Eberle is to provide and improve a receiving device for a pneumatic spring arrangement. The container 7 is used for mounting the pneumatic spring arrangement 3, 4 into the body structure 2 of the vehicle. On the contrary, the structure of claim 1 requires the strengthening member to improve the connection strength in the vicinity of the connecting part between the roof member and the side member. For this reason, the strengthening member is located below the connecting part and between the roof member and the side member and bridges across the connecting part. In this way, the strengthening member serves as a cross beam or diagonal beam to support the roof member and the side member.

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Eberele does not disclose either the connecting part or the strengthening member as required by claim 1. Eberele does not anticipate claim 1.

The Examiner rejected claim 1 under 35 USC §102(e) as being anticipated by Sakaue et al.

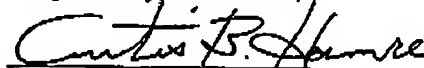
Sakaue discloses a power unit module 40 mounted on a mounting base 32. Mounting base 32 also includes rear racket 34, first inner bracket 35, and second inner bracket 36, as well as various other walls and cutouts. The mounting base 32 is essentially hung from the rear rail 14, brace 15, and side rail 16 of the roof of the vehicle (see paragraph 0053). The power unit module 40 is first attached to the mounting base 32 before the sub assembly is attached to the rear rail 14, brace 15 and side rail 16 of the roof.

On the contrary, the structure of claim 1 requires a connecting part between the roof member and side member, as well as a strengthening member (formerly the gazette member) located below the connecting part and bridged across the connecting part. The strengthening member is provide to improve the connection strength between the roof member and the side member. The structure of the connecting part and the strengthening member are not disclosed by Sakaue and the purpose of the structure required by claim 1 and of the structure that is disclosed by Sakaue is very different. In view of this, Sakaue does not anticipate the structure of claim 1.

It is hereby submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and reexamination are requested. Allowance of claims 1-8 at an early date is solicited.

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